

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
FRESNO DIVISION

In re ) Case No. 20-13667-B-7  
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**JAMES EDWARD MASSICOTTE,** )  
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 Debtor. )  
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ORDER DENYING DEBTOR'S EX PARTE REQUEST TO VACATE  
DISMISSAL ORDER AND REINSTATE CHAPTER 7 CASE

James Edward Massicotte ("Debtor") filed a letter ("Ex Parte Request") on March 19, 2021 asking the court to vacate a prior order of dismissal and reinstate his chapter 7 case.

This bankruptcy case was filed on November 20, 2020 (Doc. #1). Debtor was not represented by an attorney. On December 29, 2020, the Chapter 7 Trustee filed a Report at § 341(a) Meeting of Creditors, stating the Debtor appeared and continued the meeting to February 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

On February 2, 2021, the Chapter 7 Trustee filed a Report at § 341(a) Meeting of Creditors, stating the Debtor failed to appear at the continued meeting. On that same date, the Trustee filed a motion to dismiss case for Debtor's failure to appear at the continued § 341(a) Meeting of Creditors (Doc. #29). A notice of trustee's motion to dismiss was served on the Debtor on February 4, 2021 (Doc. #30), instructing Debtor to respond "no later than 14 days before the hearing date" which was set to be heard before the court on March 9, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Debtor filed a response on February 25, 2020 (Doc. #34), which was two

1 days late, indicating that he had not received any notice of the  
2 continued § 341 meeting. Debtor filed a second response on March  
3 4, 2021 (Doc. #40), which the court deemed to be a duplicate of  
4 the previously filed response. So, the court struck the second  
5 response from the record by order on March 10, 2021 (Doc. #48).

6 Debtor failed to appear at the hearing on the Trustee's  
7 motion to dismiss which the court heard on March 9, 2021 at 1:30  
8 p.m. and the case was dismissed (Doc. #48).

9 For the reasons set forth below, the Ex Parte Request will  
10 be denied.

11 Debtor does not give a reason as to why he missed the  
12 hearing on the Trustee's motion to dismiss set on the Court's  
13 calendar for March 9, 2021. He does state that he connected "to  
14 the hearing on March 12th," but that was 3 days after the Court  
15 held the hearing on the Trustee's Motion to Dismiss. Debtor may  
16 be referring to his continued § 341 meeting that was previously  
17 continued to March 11, 2021, but again, he would have been 1 day  
18 late for the § 341 meeting.

19 Debtor has not provided a reason that is a legal basis for  
20 relief from the dismissal order pursuant to Federal Rule of  
21 Civil Procedure 60 made applicable to bankruptcy matters by  
22 Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9024. The court is mindful  
23 of the sometimes-confusing procedures connected with a court  
24 case.

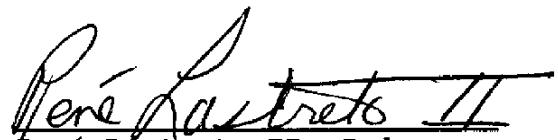
25 But the Debtor filed the Bankruptcy case and must comply  
26 with the rules and procedures that are applicable to all who  
27 file cases with the court.

28 Based thereon,

1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Ex Parte Request is DENIED.  
2 This case shall remain dismissed without prejudice to the  
3 Debtor's right to file a new case.

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7 **Dated:** Mar 24, 2021

8 **By the Court**

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11 **René Lastreto II, Judge**  
12 **United States Bankruptcy Court**

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Instructions to Clerk of Court  
Service List - Not Part of Order/Judgment

The Clerk of Court is instructed to send the Order/Judgment or other court generated document transmitted herewith to the parties below. The Clerk of Court will send the Order via the BNC or, if checked  X, via the U.S. mail.

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